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SUBJECT: YUGOSLAV VIEWS ON ME CONFERENCE

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1. ITALIAN EMBASSY SOURCE FURNISHED US RUN-DOWN ON LAST WEEK'S VISIT FROM ROME OF ROBERTO DUCCI, DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS; MUCH OF WHAT YUGOSLAVS SAID ON ME AND CSCE COVERED WELL-WORN THEMES. EXCEPTION WAS OUTLINE WHICH PETRIC GAVE FUCCI OF GOY VIEWS ON OPTIMUM MAKEUP OF GENEVA ME CONFERENCE.

2. GOY WOULD LIKE TO SEE WESTERN EUROPEANS, AFRICANS, LATIN AMERICANS, AND ASIANS INVITED TO SELECT ONE REPRESENTATIVE EACH, USING EC, OAU, AND OAS AS SELECTION MECHANISM. PETRIC SUGGESTED INDIA AS LIKELY ASIAN CANDIDATE (HE CLAIMED YUGOSLAVIA HAS NO AMBITIONS TO ATTEND). GOY ALSO HOPES SYG ROLE WILL NOT BE MERELY PASSIVE, AND THAT HE MIGHT BE DESIGNATED TO PRESIDE.

3. PETRIC SAID THESE IDEAS HAVE BEEN COMMUNICATED TO MOJSOV IN NEW YORK.

4. EXPLANATION GIVEN BY PETRIC FOR GOY INSISTENCE ON BROAD PARTICIPATION AT GENEVA WAS THAT GOY FEARS THAT US AND SOVIET

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UNION MIGHT EMERGE FROM CONFERENCE AS SOLE GUARANTORS OF ME

PEACE, AND THEREAFTER DESPATCH TROOPS TO THE REGION. GOY FEELS THIS WOULD CREATE BAD PRECEDENT FOR SUPERPOWER INTERVENTION ELSEWHERE, E.G. IN EUROPE. EUROPE MUST NOT ALLOW BIG POWERS TO HANDLE ME SITUATION ALONE, PETRIC SAID; HE ASKED THAT ITALIANS SEEK TO INFLUENCE "THEIR FRIENDS" THE ISRAELIS ON THIS POINT.

5. DUCCI HAD IMPRESSION THAT GOY HOPES FOR CLOSER CONSULTATIONS WITH US ON ME SITUATION. HE ALSO CONCLUDED THAT GOY WILL HOLD OFF ON ABOVE INITIATIVES (AND ANY OTHER ON ME) UNTIL EGYPT AND PERHAPS SYRIA CALL FOR THEM, REGARDLESS OF GOY'S OWN PREFERENCES FOR HANDLING SITUATION.

6. PETRIC TOLD DUCCI THAT GOY FOUND QADHAFI'S EXTREME ANTI-ZIONISM HARD TO TAKE DURING HIS RECENT VISIT, BUT BELIEVES THE TALKS MAY HAVE MODERATED QADHAFI'S STAND SLIGHTLY.
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